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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 (too dark).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$450 for a Small Entity

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02 FC:2253

03 FC:2051

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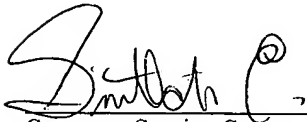
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- \$385 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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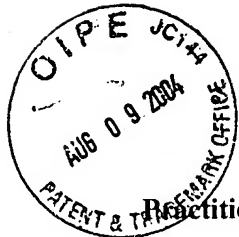
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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



Applicant's Docket No. MAC 426-15

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Thomas E. Pride

Application No.: 10/730.251

Group No.: 3723

Filed: December 9, 2003

Examiner: tba

For: CLAMPING CARTRIDGE FOR PANEL-TYPE PRODUCTS

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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS  
—NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

I. This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) mailed March 9, 2004.

A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted (Form PTO-1533) is enclosed.

DECLARATION OR OATH

II. No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\*

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Express Mail certification is optional.)

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\* Only the date of filing (§ 1.6) will be the date used in a patent term adjustment calculation, although the date on any certificate of mailing or transmission under § 1.8 continues to be taken into account in determining timeliness. See § 1.703(f). Consider "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" (§ 1.10) or facsimile transmission (§ 1.6(d)) for the reply to be accorded the earliest possible filing date for patent term adjustment calculations.

### **REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS**

**III.** To overcome the objection to the drawings noted in the Notice to File Missing Parts, submitted herewith are replacement drawing sheets for FIGs. 1A- 10 and 25-29.

### **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**IV.** A Preliminary Amendment is attached which cancels claims 9-15 and eliminates reference to deleted priority claims.

### **SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

**V.** Applicant asserts that this filing is by a small entity.

### **COMPLETION FEES**

#### **VI.**

1.	Filing Fee	
	Original patent application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))	\$385.00
2.	Surcharge Fees	
	Late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e))	\$65.00
3.	Assignment (See "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET")	\$40.00
	Total Completion Fees	\$490.00

### **EXTENSION OF TIME**

**VII.** The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the small entity fee for which is set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), for three months.

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

**TOTAL FEE DUE**

**VIII.** The total fee due is:

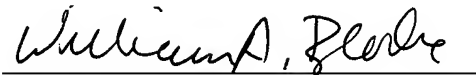
Completion fees	\$490.00
Extension fee (if any)	\$475.00
Total Fee Due	\$965.00

**PAYMENT OF FEES**

**IX.** Attached is a check in the amount of \$965.00.

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1213.

Date: August 9, 2004



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